(iv) Schemes to develop agriculture and allied activities like animal husbandry, dairy development, vocational training etc. that provide source of livelihood to the Scheduled Tribe population should be included.

(v) Innovative projects that draw upon institutional finance to supplement plan allocations may be drawn up.

(vi) Wage component, especially under Rural Employment Schemes, should not be included under TSP.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the guidelines, the State Government should take initiative to generate awareness among the general public about the schemes to be implemented/being implemented for the development of STs by the different departments of the State Governments through electronic and print media.

Ready to eat food at Anganwadi Centres

3481. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide 'ready to eat' food in all anganwadi centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Ready to Eat (RTE) food is only one of the types of food provided as supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme.

As per the existing guidelines, the State Governments/UTs have the flexibility to select the type of food to be provided as supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme. It could be milk, pre-processed or semi-processed food or food prepared on the spot from locally available food stuff depending upon the category of beneficiaries, location of the project and administrative feasibility.

(b) Since the number of AWCs is very large and there are variations in the type of food given at Anganwadi Centres across the country, this data is not being monitored by the Union Government at present.